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Obama Administration Announces Additional \$112,175,600 for Local Energy Efficiency Improvements in Illinois

Block Grants to Support Jobs, Cut Energy Bills, and Increase Energy Independence

WASHINGTON – Vice President Joe Biden and Energy Secretary Steven Chu today announced plans to invest \$3.2 billion in energy efficiency and conservation projects in U.S. cities, counties, states, territories, and Native American tribes. This includes \$112,175,600 for state, county and city efforts in Illinois. A detailed breakdown is below.

Today's announcement builds on an investment of \$343,847,619 in Illinois weatherization and energy funding announced by the Administration on March 12th and detailed at energy.gov/recovery.

"These investments will save taxpayer dollars and create jobs in communities around the country," said Vice President Biden. "Local leaders will have the flexibility in how they put these resources to work – but we will hold them accountable for making the investments quickly and wisely to spur the local economy and cut energy use."

The Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program, funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, will provide formula grants for projects that reduce total energy use and fossil fuel emissions, and improve energy efficiency.

The funding will support energy audits and energy efficiency retrofits in residential and commercial buildings, the development and implementation of advanced building codes and inspections, and the creation of financial incentive programs for energy efficiency improvements. Other activities eligible for use of grant funds include transportation programs that conserve energy, projects to reduce and capture methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from landfills, renewable energy installations on government buildings, energy efficient traffic signals and street lights, deployment of Combined Heat and Power and district heating and cooling systems, and others.

To ensure accountability, the Department of Energy will provide guidance to and require grant recipients to report on the number of jobs created or retained, energy saved, renewable energy capacity installed, greenhouse gas emissions reduced, and funds leveraged. Funding is based on a formula that accounts for population and energy use.

“The Block Grants are a major investment in energy solutions that will strengthen America’s economy and create jobs at the local level,” said Secretary Chu. “The funding will be used for the cheapest, cleanest and most reliable energy technologies we have – energy efficiency and conservation – which can be deployed immediately. The grants also empower local communities to make strategic investments to meet the nation’s long term clean energy and climate goals.”

Funding for state, city, and county governments in the state includes:

IL	Illinois Total Sum City, County, and SEO Allocations	All	\$ 112,175,600
IL	Illinois	State Energy Office	\$ 21,834,600
IL	Addison	City	\$ 168,300
IL	Arlington Heights	City	\$ 714,100
IL	Aurora	City	\$ 1,574,100
IL	Bartlett	City	\$ 157,500
IL	Belleville	City	\$ 179,200
IL	Berwyn	City	\$ 444,300
IL	Bloomington	City	\$ 746,400
IL	Bolingbrook	City	\$ 652,300
IL	Buffalo Grove	City	\$ 179,900
IL	Calumet City	City	\$ 149,300
IL	Carol Stream	City	\$ 173,000
IL	Carpentersville	City	\$ 146,800
IL	Champaign	City	\$ 763,200
IL	Chicago	City	\$ 27,648,800
IL	Cicero	City	\$ 727,300
IL	Crystal Lake	City	\$ 183,500
IL	Decatur	City	\$ 768,200
IL	DeKalb	City	\$ 186,800
IL	Des Plaines	City	\$ 576,900
IL	Downers Grove	City	\$ 232,100
IL	Elgin	City	\$ 1,002,600
IL	Elmhurst	City	\$ 205,300
IL	Evanston	City	\$ 749,700
IL	Glenview	City	\$ 207,100
IL	Hanover Park	City	\$ 141,600
IL	Hoffman Estates	City	\$ 515,100
IL	Joliet	City	\$ 1,346,400
IL	Lombard	City	\$ 187,500
IL	Moline	City	\$ 190,200

IL	Mount Prospect	City	\$ 489,600
IL	Naperville	City	\$ 1,392,200
IL	Normal	City	\$ 488,500
IL	Oak Lawn	City	\$ 495,900
IL	Oak Park	City	\$ 200,600
IL	Orland Park	City	\$ 520,700
IL	Palatine	City	\$ 614,500
IL	Park Ridge	City	\$ 158,700
IL	Peoria	City	\$ 1,174,300
IL	Plainfield	City	\$ 143,700
IL	Quincy	City	\$ 180,600
IL	Rock Island	City	\$ 168,600
IL	Rockford	City	\$ 1,582,800
IL	Romeoville	City	\$ 153,200
IL	Schaumburg	City	\$ 776,500
IL	Skokie	City	\$ 654,200
IL	Springfield	City	\$ 1,225,600
IL	Streamwood	City	\$ 142,900
IL	Tinley Park	City	\$ 537,600
IL	Urbana	City	\$ 185,200
IL	Waukegan	City	\$ 851,900
IL	Wheaton	City	\$ 514,400
IL	Wheeling	City	\$ 160,000
IL	Cook	County	\$ 12,696,000
IL	DuPage	County	\$ 4,653,700
IL	Kane	County	\$ 2,469,100
IL	Lake	County	\$ 5,658,700
IL	Madison	County	\$ 2,490,200
IL	McHenry	County	\$ 2,475,900
IL	St. Clair	County	\$ 2,040,800
IL	Tazewell	County	\$ 548,400
IL	Will	County	\$ 3,009,700
IL	Winnebago	County	\$ 568,800

More information on the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program is available on http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm.

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